

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Agenda
Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Community Center
Heritage Room
365 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia**

March 18, 2010

6:00 P.M.

****AS AMENDED***

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. INVOCATION

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- Fire Department – Citizen Award
- Lumpkin County Schools Student Art Exhibit at Olde Cannery Arts Center

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 17, 2010 Public Hearing 5:30 p.m.
- February 17, 2010 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- March 4, 2010 Work Session 9:00 a.m.
- March 15, 2010 Special Work Session 7:00 p.m.

VI. REPORTS

- Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
- Elected Officials
- Chamber of Commerce
- SPLOST Management – Kevin Hamby

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- 2010-15 2010 Mileage Rate Reimbursement
- 2010-16 Surplus Property March 2010
- 2010-17 Amend Information Technology Policy
- 2010-18 CDBG Grant Senior Center Expansion
- 2010-19 Appoint Lumpkin County Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee
(Don Kinder - Seat 7, term ending 4/14/2014)
- 2010-20 Appoint Hospital Authority of Lumpkin County
(James A. Faulkner - Seat 5 & Adam Shepherd - Seat 6, terms expiring 3/1/2014)

VIII. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

- Kronos – Time & Attendance System *(new)*
- City of Dahlonega – Lumpkin County Tax Commissioner Tax Billing *(new)*

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- Union County – Mutual Aid Agreement/Fire and Rescue Departments (*renewal*)
- Physio Control Technical Service Support Agreement (*renewal*)
- ACCG – IRMA Safety Discount Verification Form
- ACCG – GSIWCF Safety Discount Verification Form

IX. LETTERS

- Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority - Lake Allatoona/Upper Etowah River Watershed Partnership
- Senator Saxby Chambliss and Senator Johnny Isakson – Support the use of Land & Water Conservation Funds
- ~~*Department of Transportation Section 5311 Transportation Program – Substance Abuse Certification~~

X. OTHER ITEMS

- BOC – Elect Vice Chairman
- Dog Park

XI. COMMENTS

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONER
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (*Land Acquisition, Litigation and Personnel matters*)

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIV. ADJOURN

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

April 2010

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| ❖ Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center | April 1, 2010 at 9:00 am |
| ❖ Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center | April 15, 2010 at 6:00 pm |

May 2010

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| ❖ Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center | May 6, 2010 at 9:00 am |
| ❖ Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center | May 20, 2010 at 6:00 pm |

June 2010

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| ❖ Work Session – Park & Rec. Community Center | June 3, 2010 at 9:00 am |
| ❖ Board Meeting – Park & Rec. Community Center | June 17, 2010 at 6:00 pm |

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

March 18, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Community Center, Heritage Room. John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle were present.

INVOCATION

County Manager Kelley gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Chairman Raber.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The item concerning the GDOT 5311 Transportation Program was removed as it had been addressed at a previous meeting.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

PRESENTATIONS

Fire Department – Citizen Award

Assistant Fire Chief David Wimpy explained that Sam Jenkins was receiving this award due to his actions on January 12, 2010 when he used his equipment to stabilize a vehicle over an embankment on Auraria Road which possibly saved the life of a citizen.

Lumpkin County Schools Student Art Exhibit at Olde Cannery Arts Center

Several art students issued an invitation to those at the meeting and the community at large to attend their art show opening and reception at the Olde Cannery on Friday evening, March 19.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2010 Public Hearing 5:30 p.m.

February 17, 2010 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

March 4, 2010 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

March 15, 2010 Special Work Session 7:00 p.m.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve these minutes by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Tim Bowden, Bill Scott, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office

Elected Officials

Chamber of Commerce

SPLOST Management – Kevin Hamby

Mr. Hamby said site work is coming along well and dedication of the Justice Center is tentatively scheduled for May 21 at 10:00 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS

2010-15 2010 Mileage Rate Reimbursement

This is a resolution to amend and approve the mileage rate for reimbursement for approved travel by private vehicle under the provisions of the Lumpkin County Travel Policy. This sets the reimbursement rate to \$0.50 per mile.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution which was seconded by Bill Scott. Commissioners Bowden, Scott, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

2010-16 Surplus Property March 2010

This resolution provides for the identification and classification of certain Lumpkin County property as surplus property and authorizes its sale and disposition.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott moved to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion. Motion carried.*

2010-17 Amend Information Technology Policy

This resolution amends and republishes the Lumpkin County policy for use of computers and computer resources, for access to the internet and for social networking and to provide for disciplinary action for failure to comply with the policies established.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve this resolution which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Tim Bowden, Bill Scott, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.*

2010-18 CDBG Senior Center Expansion Grant

This resolution approves the application for a Community Development Block Grant for improving and increasing the size of the Lumpkin County Senior Center.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

2010-19 Appoint Lumpkin County Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee

This resolution appoints Donald L. Kinder to Seat 7 of the Lumpkin County Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee with a term ending April 14, 2014.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Commissioners Bowden, Scott, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

2010-20 Appoint Hospital Authority of Lumpkin County

This resolution provides for the appointment of James A. Faulkner to Seat 5 and Adam Shepherd to Seat 6 of the Hospital Authority of Lumpkin County each with terms expiring March 1, 2014.

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott moved to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

Kronos – Time & Attendance System

This new lease replaces the equipment and software for time and attendance which has become obsolete.

Term: 36 months

Amount: \$2,183.92 per month

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden made a motion to approve this contract which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. Commissioners Bowden, Scott, Stowers and Grindle approved the motion and the motion carried.*

City of Dahlonega – Lumpkin County Tax Commissioner Tax Billing

This agreement recognizes the change by popular election of the Lumpkin County Tax Commissioner and republishes the existing agreement between the parties.

Motion: Commissioner Grindle moved to approve this agreement. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Tim Bowden, Bill Scott, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.

Communications Tower Agreement

This property lease agreement is between Southern Health Corporation of Dahlonega, Inc. d/b/a Chestatee Regional Hospital and Lumpkin County for erection of an emergency communications and public safety antennae tower on hospital premises, along with necessary foundation and ancillary equipment.

Term: March 18, 2010 – March 17, 2035

Amount: \$1.00 annually

Motion: Commissioner Grindle made a motion to approve this agreement which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.

Nelson Tractor – Tractor w/Side Arm Mower Contract

This bid award is for a John Deere 6330 Premium Cab Tractor with Alamo Machete 22 ft. Boom Mower, and equipped with other requested specifications.

Term: N/A

Amount: \$98,821.00

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this purchase. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Commissioners Bowden, Scott, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.

Union County – Mutual Aid Agreement/Fire and Rescue Departments

This renewal agreement is for the purpose of providing additional firefighting equipment and manpower whenever a major disaster or fire occurs that overtaxes the capabilities of either county's emergency management systems.

Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve this renewal which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.

Physio Control Technical Service Support Agreement

This contract provides for on-site repair and one on-site inspection each year for LifePak 12 and on-site repair only of Battery Support System 2.

Term: April 15, 2010 – April 14, 2011

Amount: \$1,170.00 annually

Motion: Commissioner Stowers moved to approve this renewal agreement. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle which was approved by Tim Bowden, Bill Scott, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.

ACCG – IRMA Safety Discount Verification Form

This renewal form is to obtain up to a 5% discount on the ACCG-IRMA property & liability insurance premium.

Term: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 policy premium

Amount: Up to 5% discount

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this form which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. The motion was approved by all district commissioners and the motion carried.

ACCG – GSIWCF Safety Discount Verification Form

This is an annual program to receive a 7.5% safety discount on the Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund (GSIWCF) offered by ACCG.

Term: 2011

Amount: 7.5% Discount

***Motion:** Commissioner Scott moved to approve this form which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. The motion was approved by Commissioners Scott, Bowden, Stowers and Grindle. Motion carried.*

LETTERS

Lumpkin County Water & Sewerage Authority - Lake Allatoona/Upper Etowah River Watershed Partnership

This letter to LCWSA stated county intent to withdraw from the Partnership and requested the Authority to take over water sampling requirements to complete the study.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve this letter which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. After discussion Clarence Stowers withdrew his motion.*

This item was postponed to an undetermined future date.

Senator Saxby Chambliss and Senator Johnny Isakson – Support the use of Land & Water Conservation Funds

This letter supports purchase of a tract of land of approximately 200 acres by the U.S. National Forest Service. That land would become part of the Chattahoochee National Forest.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to deny this letter which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

BOC – Elect Vice Chairman

***Motion:** Commissioner Grindle made a motion to elect Clarence Stowers as Vice-Chairman. That motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

Dog Park

Tim Herrin, spokesperson for Gold Dog Park, LLC read a prepared statement expressing unhappiness with the board and requesting that the board reconsider the Gold Dog Park, LLC original request that land be set aside in Yahoola Creek Park for a dog park. Others spoke on behalf of the park and against the decision of the board at the previous meeting to deny the original location.

***Motion:** Commissioner Bowden moved to approve a Dog Park concept and to form a committee for the purpose of determining location of a dog park, the party responsible for all associated cost of construction and maintenance, County requirements, establishment of regulations for public safety, operational procedures, and facility maintenance requirements, and for the committee to report to the Board of Commissioners its recommendations. The motion was seconded by Bill Scott and approved by Commissioners Stowers, Bowden and Scott. Commissioner Grindle voted against the motion. Motion carried.*

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager had no comments.

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman commented on the many county boards and authorities and the need for those boards and authorities to meet and prepare minutes. He also spoke about the Chamber of Commerce and the exemptions on senior citizens in Lumpkin County that he had discussed with Dewey Moye. The Chairman said in the future the board may want to consider switching meeting nights to a different night of the week due to conflicts with other meetings in which the county has an interest.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bowden asked that those supporting the dog park show appreciation for his fellow commissioners. He thanked the group for their support of him and said that while he appreciates their passion they need to show respect to the commissioners. Bill Scott thanked Tim Bowden for that comment.

Commissioner Bowden then pointed out that the passing of the concept motion did not guarantee that their request would be approved.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no comments.

PUBLIC

Citizen Susan Dodds spoke on behalf of a dog park and said she hopes this can be brought to a satisfactory solution. Other citizens spoke on behalf of a dog park including Bill Hacker, Britt Turner, and Debbie Redwood. Julie Ramsey said she would like to have the senior exemption overturned and said she has an interest in Blackburn Park. Former Commission Chairman Steve Gooch encouraged the board to stay in the Upper Etowah Partnership.

Nugget Reporter Sharon Hall asked, for the record, if the details of the emergency incident concerning Matthew Miller were to be discussed in the executive session. She said that it is her determination that this discussion should be in open session. Her comments were referred to the county attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Land Acquisition, Litigation and Personnel matters)

***Motion:** At 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Scott made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.*

The Chairman called for a break at 7:15 p.m. before beginning the business of the executive session. The session resumed at 7:20 p.m.


***Motion:** With the executive session being concluded Commissioner Scott moved to return to general session at 7:59 p.m. That motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle. Motion carried.*

Chairman Raber announced that discussion had occurred on potential future acquisition of real estate and pending litigation. He said that no actions were needed.


ADJOURN

***Motion:** There being no further business Commissioner Bowden called for a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Clarence Grindle. All district commissioners approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.*

4/15/2010
Date


John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County